

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday – May 1, 2021 – 5:30 pm. Worship

Sunday – May 2, 2021 – 9:30 am. Worship & Live-Streamed

“Christ is Risen” – “He is Risen Indeed”

The Eternal Name



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“I AM”

“I Am the Vine”

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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 466:1-3 “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, “Do not fear!

Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.

For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go;
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;

E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
And in its con - quest His might did show.
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there.”

Refrain

Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;
Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Invocation

LSB 151 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

(LSB 151) 1 John 1:8-9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

LSB 151 [John 20:19–23]

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† Service of the Word †

Psalms 150

P ¹Praise the LORD!

C Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!

P ²Praise him for his mighty deeds;

C praise him according to his excellent greatness!

P ³Praise him with trumpet sound;

C praise him with lute and harp!

P ⁴Praise him with tambourine and dance;

C praise him with strings and pipe!

P ⁵Praise him with sounding cymbals;

C praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

P ⁶Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

C Praise the LORD!

ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn # 466:4-5 “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

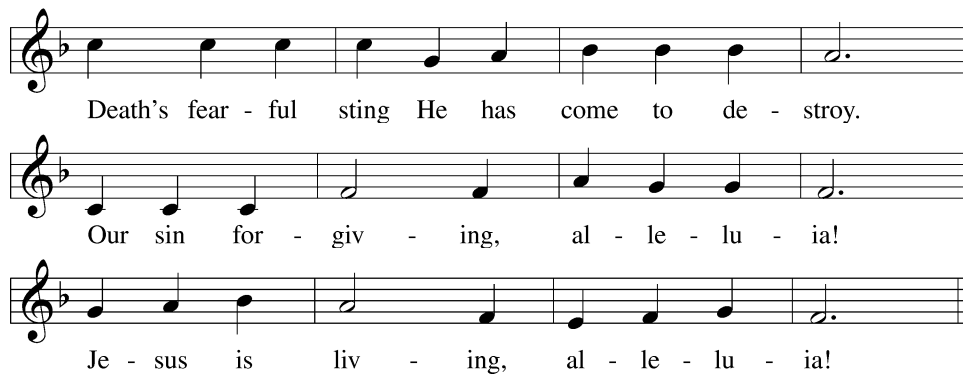
4 “Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;

He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.

Je - sus’ re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won.”
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain
Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Acts 8:26–40

P The Old Testament Reading is from Acts, the eighth chapter.

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, *“Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”* This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, *“Go over and join this chariot.”* ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, *“Do you understand what you are reading?”* ³¹And he said, *“How can I, unless someone guides me?”* And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

*“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.*

³³*In his humiliation justice was denied him.*

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, *“About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?”* ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, *“See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”* ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 John 4:1-11

1 John 4:1-11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68 LSB 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.*

²*Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.*

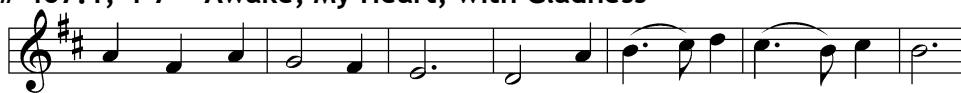
⁵*I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn # 467:1, 4-7 "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
 4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;
 5 The world a - gainst me ra - ges, Its fu - ry I dis - dain;
 6 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my Sav - ior true;
 7 He brings me to the por - tal That leads to bliss un - told,



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
 Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.
 Though bit - ter war it wa - ges, Its work is all in vain.
 My Lord will leave me nev - er, What - e'er He pass - es through.
 Where - on this rhyme im - mor - tal Is found in script of gold:



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
 Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;
 My heart from care is free, No trou - ble trou - bles me.
 He rends death's i - ron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;
 "Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown pre - pared;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
 It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.
 Mis - for - tune now is play, And night is bright as day.
 He shat - ters hell's grimthrall; I fol - low Him through all.
 Who there with Me has died Shall here be glo - ri - fied."

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Sermon "I Am the Vine ..." John 15:1-8

Stand

Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Collect

P Lord Jesus, Vine of the branches, by whom we have life, in whom we find eternal life,
 through whom all that is life-giving flows to us, hold Your people in Your grace and sustain
 us in faith that regardless of anything that may happen in this life we may be kept constant in
 all that we have from You now in these days and in all the days of eternity.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Responses:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

P Hear us Father for we pray in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, who Lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

† Service of the Sacrament †

Hymn # 620:1 “Jesus Comes Today with Healing”



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
in - vi - ta - tion: “Come and taste the bless - ed feast.”

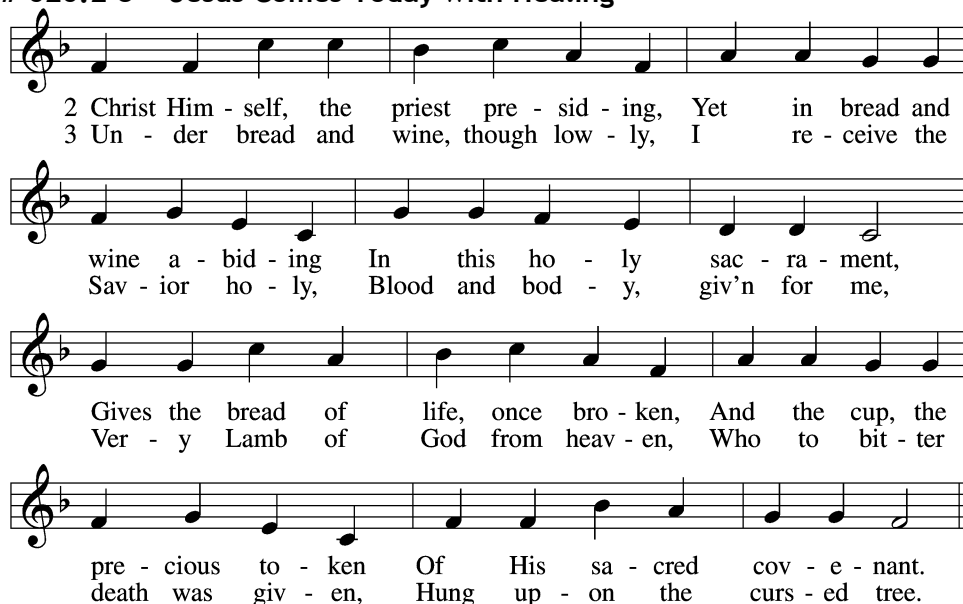
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Preface

LSB 161

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Hymn # 620:2-3 “Jesus Comes Today with Healing”



2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb is risen. By His death He has redeemed us from sin and death, and by His resurrection He has brought us into new life in Him.

Grant that we may keep the Feast with sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given to us, and drinking His blood poured out for our salvation, that by His living body and blood He may bring us through death and into the promised land of eternal life. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 162

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: *“Take, eat; this is My ~~✠~~body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: *“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ~~✠~~blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

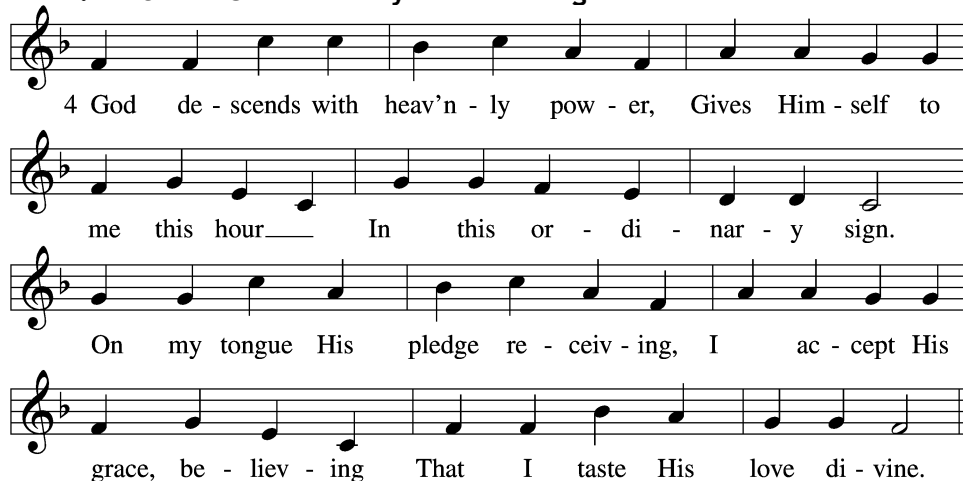
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John 20:19 LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Hymn # 620:4 “Jesus Comes Today with Healing”

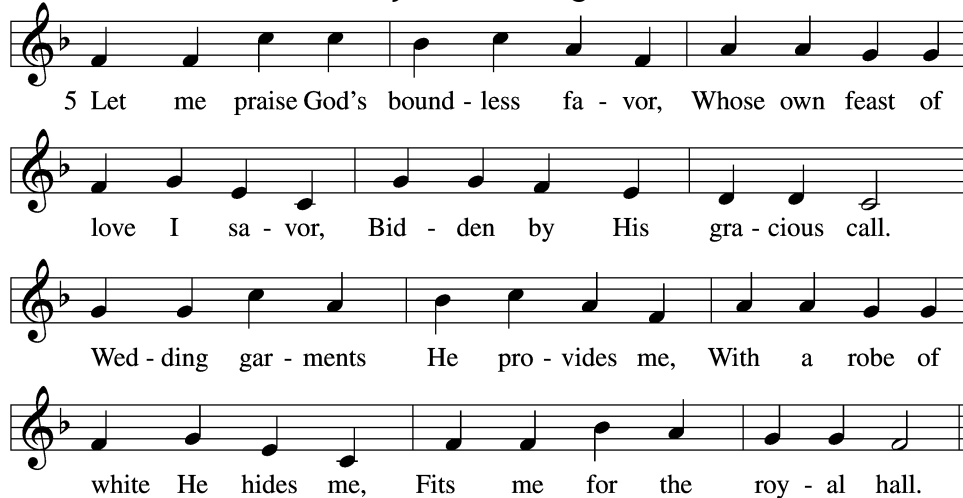


Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endures forever.

Hymn # 620:5 “Jesus Comes Today with Healing”



5 Let me praise God's bound - less fa - vor, Whose own feast of
love I sa - vor, Bid - den by His gra - cious call.
Wed - ding gar - ments He pro - vides me, With a robe of
white He hides me, Fits me for the roy - al hall.

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Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
Grant, O Lord, that the lips which have sung Your praise in the sanctuary may glorify You in the world, that the eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope, that the tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth, and that the bodies of all who have tasted of Your Son's living body and blood may be raised to share in eternal life; with Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benedicamus

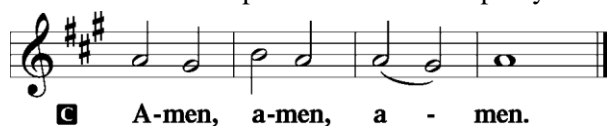
LSB 212 Psalm 103:1

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26 LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn # 490 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -

pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath

From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall

scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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